

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

Eff. 6/30/24:  
\$80,641.47



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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

Thank you for visiting Shepherd of the Hill. We would love to remain in contact with you. Please fill out a communication card that you will find near the Bibles and hymnals in the pews. You can then give your card to Pastor, or drop it in one of the 3 collection boxes that are hanging on the back wall (east side) in the church. Thank you!

**NURSERY IS OPEN!**

If you have young children that would like to attend our nursery while you enjoy church services, please locate our nursery which is in the north hallway. This is a service that we provide for all families.

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2024

Last Weekend Attendance 117 / Online 24

General Fund	\$5,094.00
Property Projects	200.00
Altar Flowers	320.00
Weekly Total	\$5,614.00

**This does not include receipts from our SimpleGive online giving.**

Principal Mortgage Balance:  
\$200,215.16

One opening for the 3-year-old preschool is still available for the 2024-2025 Shepherd of the Hill Preschool

Interested?  
Contact:  
SOTH Office  
815-838-0708



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church**

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*Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known*

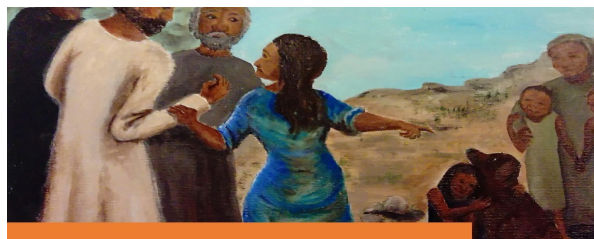
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sept. 7/8, 2024

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:  
**Celebrating Next Week's Rally Day**

By: Diane Martling

Order forms are on the table in narthex; cost is now \$40 per vase.



**Faith from unexpected places.**  
**Mark 7:24-37**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

**JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE**

Available 10am on Sunday

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Online begins Sept. 8. In person begins Sept. 22. Registration forms available in the narthex.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

*Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*Les Tindle, Rick Oltmanns, Ken & Karen Franz, Madelene Vargo, Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Philip Ackland, Jessica Wallin, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Brian Butler, Allan Franz, Alice Pritchett, John Yudt, Ed Hernandez, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Kenneth Kuzma, Jeff Stubler, Scott Kochanski, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Diane Mueller, Stan Rzeminski, Ashley & Devin White, Naida Magercak, Deb Franiak, Alex Govea, Gina Nordquist, Arlene Welbourne, Gary Haut, and Francis Kania.

**WORLDWIDE PRAYERS**

For those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East. For the release of the Israeli hostages.

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Michael Meyers, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina and Lenny Casselman, John Schneider, Tom Schneider, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Megan and Daniel Sanchez, Jack Superczynski, Seth Trent, and Timea Sara.

**HOMEBOUND**

Norma McCall  
Lily Mazeika  
Janet Villacci  
Sandra Schrader

**COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES**

Lisa Berglund  
Mary Ann Mahar





**Sunday,  
September 15**  
11:00 – 2:00

- Church picnic
- Games for all ages
- Educational Events
- Committee show & tell
- Bounce House

**Berkot's chicken provided. See narthex to sign up for sides.**



**6th Annual SOTHtoberfest**  
Sunday, October 6  
11:30 - 1:30

\$15 for food for adults, \$12 for children 5-10 y.o.  
Adult beverages extra  
See website for tickets  
Proceeds for Youth Summer Programming

**Our next Habitat for Humanity build date will be Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**You can sign up on the SOTH website or contact Pastor Jon**




**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The office is normally open **Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm.** It's a good idea to call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.  
**The church office will be closed on Mondays.**



**SOLAR ARRAY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Thank you to all who came to our informational meeting about the possibility of installing a solar system at SOTH. We are continuing to investigate this possibility and we will let you know what we come up with.

**OKTOBERFEST, OCT. 6**

We are currently in the planning stages of another Oktoberfest, and you don't want to miss it!

**At this time, we are asking for donations of themed baskets,** such as a Movie Night, Bears Game Day, Back to School, Halloween Basket, Pamper Me, Christmas Eve, Breakfast in Bed, Barbie theme, BBQ basket, even gift cards—you name it! **Tickets for the baskets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10.** Bring your basket to the church office. We will then raffle these off and the proceeds will go towards Youth Summer Programming.

We also need to know how much food to order for this event, so we will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex (soon) for you to let us know how many in your family will be attending.

**NAMI Will-Grundy**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

**Mental Health Support Groups**  
**Free & Confidential**

**CONNECTION SUPPORT**  
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

**FAMILY SUPPORT**  
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING A LOVED ONE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

**3rd Thursday of Each Month**  
**6:00 to 7:30 pm – SOTH**

**Do you know someone who needs help with:**

- financial assistance
- finding food
- finding low-cost medical services
- substance abuse
- coping with mental illness
- escaping domestic violence

**Check out:**  
[lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources)



**MUM FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**  
**8 AM**

**\$12 EACH**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**UNIT 18 - LOCKPORT**  
**15052 ARCHER AVE., LOCKPORT**


Shepherd of the Hill & David Rhodes Present:

1920 Wegener & Boese silent film classic:  
**The Golem**

Live film organ accompaniment by David Rhodes

**Sat., October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**SOTH**

\$10 suggested donation at door.  
Proceeds for Youth Ministry



**Trunk or Treat**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-7pm

**Next meeting for NAMI is Thursday, 9/19**

**LOCKPORT CHURCH DARTBALL LEAGUE**

SOTH is currently looking for recruits for the church Dartball team. The league currently has 6 teams who play half their games at the Lockport Moose and half at the Crossroads Christian Church at Caton Farm Road and Essington in Joliet. The league starts playing in late September. This is not "Pub Darts." If you like baseball, you will enjoy playing this game. For more information, please call the church at 815-838-0708.

Congratulations to Mary Brauer on the birth of her 15th great grandchild, Ozzie."

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

**Christ in Our Home**  
October, November, December 2024

Pick up your copy of *Christ in Our Home.* The Fall version of a daily devotion. Available in the narthex.




**OVERFLOWING HOPE / FIND HOPE**

A Women's Event coming to on October 19 from 8-1pm at New Life Church, 500 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox. There are 3 engaging speakers lined up to give us a better understanding about Hope. We will be supporting New Life Food Pantry by asking for donations of women's personal items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.). Registration is \$20 and the deadline is 10/1. Please contact Jan Gora at 815-325-4386 for more information.

**CALLING ALL VETERANS!**

We are trying to compile a list of all of our veterans for a Veteran's Day pictorial.

If you are a veteran, please contact Dawn at 815-838-0708 or [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com) with your service information.



**LIKE TO PLAN PARTIES?**

Joyful Gatherings is looking for a few people to help us plan fun events that gather our church community in relaxed settings so that we may get to know each other a little better, and have some fun as well. You don't have to have experience, just be willing to help out. We have a few events already identified and having a few extra hands would certainly help. If you would like to help in planning our events, or just to lend a hand once in awhile, please contact Cheryl Zacharias at: [mrszach@comcast.net](mailto:mrszach@comcast.net).